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SUMMARY OF THE NEWS OF THE WHOLE WORLD.

ASSAILS CZAR'S ARMY

'CZAR FAILS TO SUPPRESS SENSATIONAL WAR HISTORY.

Czar Forces Always Working at Cross Purposes, Officers and Troops Alike Being Incompetent—Gens. Gripenburg and Kaulbars Arraigned.

Gen. Kuropatkin's history of the Russo-Japanese war, which was confiscated by the Russian government, has at last become accessible, despite the most extreme precautions to prevent this galling official indictment from reaching the public. The work is remarkable for its historic value as the closing chapter of the war from the point of view of the commander in chief and for the merciless criticism of the men and measures which, in Kuropatkin's estimate, swept Russia and its arms to defeat.

The work consists of three bulky volumes, respectively devoted to the battle of Liao Yang, of the Sha river and of Mukden. The voluminous general orders, statistics, reports and other documentary matter with the "conclusions" constitute most amazing revelations of disorganization and incapacity, and even of disobedience of specific and urgent orders by certain general officers entrusted with high commands in the field, notably Gen. Kaulbars, against whom a formidable indictment is framed, saddling upon him the entire responsibility for the defeat at Mukden.

Kuropatkin's reasons for the failure of the war are based chiefly upon a comparison of the warlike spirit of the Japanese; their preparedness and valor which, he says, had never been seen in any previous war, and their ability to maintain the numerical superiority necessary to assume the offensive with the disadvantages of Russia owing to the inadequacy of the single track railway from Europe, with commanding officers disobeying orders and in a hopeless state of confusion and cross purposes, with a low state of morale and confidence among the troops, and continuous news from home of internal troubles and insults and reproaches against the army.

The general pathetically concludes that if Russia had been united and ready to make the sacrifices necessary to safeguard her dignity and integrity the "valiant Russian army would have striven till the foe was subdued."

REFUSED MEDICINE IS DEAD.

Prominent Sunday School Worker Victim of Potomac Poisoning.

Bradford Hibbard Cox, a Sunday school worker and evangelist with a national reputation, died at Kansas City, Mo., as the result of ptomaine poisoning from eating oysters in a local restaurant, Mr. Cox awoke with severe pains in his stomach. His wife too was ill, and a physician was summoned. An emetic was administered at once to Mrs. Cox, but Mr. Cox said he did not believe in medicine and he refused to be treated. He became rapidly worse and died, but Mrs. Cox will recover.

Mr. Cox as a Sunday school worker employed his methods for more than twenty-five years in Boston, St. Louis, Omaha, San Francisco, Cincinnati and other large cities. He was 67 years old. A son in Columbus, O., survives him.

PARIS SENATE HESITATES.

Again Sends the Supplementary Separation Bill Back to Committee.

The speech made by the minister of education, M. Briand, in the senate Thursday in the course of the debate upon the supplementary separation bill, a feature of which is the delay away with the necessity of notification for the holding of public meetings, was most conciliatory in tone. M. Briand declared the measure was brought in a spirit of tolerance, conciliation and pacification and that the government sought its rapid enactment.

Much surprise was created when the senate by a vote of 168 against 123 passed a resolution to send the bill back to committee for further consideration.

3,778 Deaths from Tuberculosis.

A report by the Wisconsin state board of health shows that in twenty months covered by the report there were 3,778 deaths from tuberculosis or nearly 19 per cent. The state is now building a sanitarium. The report urges a crusade against the disease.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Thursday's quotations on the Sioux city live stock market follow: Short-fed steers, \$4.40@5.00. Top hogs \$6.90.

To Investigate Water Resources.

The senate Thursday passed a bill to provide for an investigation of the water resources of the United States. The investigation is to be made by the director of the geological survey.

For 2-Cent Fare in Pennsylvania.

The Pennsylvania house Thursday passed by a vote of 175 to 9, a bill fixing 2 cents as the maximum rate for passenger railroad fares. The bill goes to the senate.

WOMEN IN RAID ON COMMONS.

London Suffragists Make a Violent Demonstration.

The women suffragists of London, whose leaders have sworn not to desert in the violent agitation until parliament has granted their demands, appear likely to give the authorities considerable trouble. Wednesday they made a more determined and better organized effort than ever before. In the course of which more than sixty women were arrested. It was nearly midnight before they all secured bail.

From an early hour Wednesday afternoon until 10 o'clock at night a large force of police had their hands full in defending the precincts of parliament from suffragists' raids. Every entrance to the house of commons was guarded by detachments of police while other officers of the law were engaged in clearing the adjacent streets, and a body of fifty constables was kept in reserve for emergency.

As the house was about to adjourn Wednesday night Claude George Ray, a member, called attention to the disturbances and protested against using the house of parliament as a fortress to be filled with police to protect the members against women.

Home Secretary Gladstone replied to Mr. Ray, saying he had little knowledge of what was going on outside, but the measures employed were for the general convenience of the members, and he was sure no unnecessary violence had been used.

Miss Annie Kenney, one of the leaders, who has been imprisoned three times, declares that if women suffrage is not granted during this session she will march 1,000 women cotton operatives from the north, who will confront the ministers on the floor of the house of commons.

The suffragists repeatedly attempted to force their way into the house. The doors were shut in the women's faces and the police attempted to drive them back. Mounted police galloped among the women, who struggled fiercely, and many were thrown down and badly hurt. The demonstrators were kept out of the house proper, although the fight outside continued a long time.

FATAL GAS EXPLOSION.

Three Persons Killed in a Restaurant at Los Angeles.

An explosion of leaking gas in a restaurant near the corner of Second and Main streets in the heart of Los Angeles, Cal., Wednesday killed three persons, mangled and seriously injured half a dozen others, slightly injured nearly a score and completely wrecked a two-story brick building in which were located four small businesses concerns. The explosion occurred in the restaurant of H. Casarelli, 114-116 West Second street, shortly before noon. The restaurant was completely wrecked, as was also the tailoring establishment of H. L. Yerger and a small laundry office.

Officers of several small concerns on the second floor were ruined. The dead are John W. Mals, aged 56, rancher; Lavonne Meyers, waitress; Annie Crawford, waitress.

Of the injured Charles Plumenthal and J. M. C. Fuentes will probably die. Miss May Anderson, a waitress, was so badly hurt that it was necessary to amputate both legs.

The exact cause of the explosion is as yet unknown, but it is believed that the gas was ignited by an employee of the gas company who was searching in the basement for a leak in the main.

BURBANK OUT OF PRISON.

Former Army Officer Served Fifteen Months.

Ex-Lieut. Sidney S. Burbank, who was convicted by court martial for embezzling army funds and other conduct unbecoming a soldier, was released from the penitentiary in Leavenworth, Kan., Tuesday, after serving nearly fifteen months.

World's Greatest Elevator.

Barnett & McQueen, of Chicago, have the contract for the erection of the world's largest grain elevator for the Grand Trunk Pacific at Port Arthur, Ont. It will hold 10,000,000 bushels of wheat and will be so constructed that four trains can discharge grain into it at one time.

Eleven Hurt in Trolley Wreck.

A suburban trolley car going at twenty miles an hour ran through an open switch near Wyandotte, Mich., Monday night. Miss Ida Kamin, of New Boston, Mich., was thrown over the back of a seat sustaining an injury to the spine. Ten other persons were injured slightly.

A Great London Robbery.

Congress to deepen the Mississippi river-residence of Charles Werthelmer, in Park Lane, London, and cut several canvases, including pictures by Gainsborough and Reynolds, out of their frames, and carried them off with antique snuff boxes, miniatures, etc.

Attacked by Patajanas.

The Patajanas attacked and burned two towns in occidental Nebros Monday and killed six of the constabulary. Two American teachers, W. K. Bachelder and Walter J. Ise, are reported to be missing.

Two Killed in Gambling Raid.

Policeman James Wright and James Barrett, of Middleboro, Ky., shot and killed each other in a raid on an alleged gambling resort early Wednesday.

SCORES DIE IN SEA.

150 Persons Go Down With Wrecked Ship.

About 150 persons went to their deaths in Block Island sound, off the coast of Rhode Island, Monday night, as a result of a collision between the three-masted schooner Harry Knowlton and the Joy line steamer Larchmont, bound from Providence to New York.

It is estimated that, including the crew, there were nearly 200 persons on board the steamer when she sailed from Providence. Of these only nineteen appear to have survived the disaster, ten members of the crew and nine passengers.

Forty-eight bodies have been recovered. Awakened from their slumbers in the state rooms, the unfortunate passengers were at the mercy of fates. Many, it is believed, went down with the ship.

A few who survived were in a pitiful condition. In almost every case their arms and legs hung helplessly as they were lifted out of the boats in which they reached shore.

During the day Tuesday forty-eight bodies came ashore, either on boats or thrown up by the sea. Only six of the forty-eight bodies were identified.

The bodies identified were: Steward James B. Harrison, Brooklyn; First Assistant Engineer Jasper Hest, Albany; Assistant Engineer Edward Logan, Providence; First Watchman Jacob Scandrus, Paterson; Walter George Smith, Providence; Harry Beckels, Block Island.

WOULD ABOLISH PEERAGE.

Leading Japanese Noblemen Adopts a Radical Reform.

Count Taisuke Itagaki, of Tokyo, has issued a circular to the nobility in which he proposes the abolition of the peerage. He says that the presence of a distinct class between the imperial house and the people is injurious to the progress of the nation. The count thinks the existing peers should enjoy their titles for one generation and then that the peerage should cease to exist. He therefore advises the peers to return their titles to the emperor, just as the old feudal barons or daimios relinquished their prerogatives at the time of the abolition of feudalism in 1871.

This radical suggestion coming from a man of Count Itagaki's standing causes great excitement and wonder.

IN DANGER OF LYNCHING.

Mother and Steppather Accused of Murder of Child.

John Woolley and wife, Anna Woolley, are in jail at St. Joseph, Mo., charged with the murder of Annie Pearl Smith, the 20-month-old daughter of Mrs. Mooley. An extra guard was placed at the jail because of the threatened lynching of the dead child's mother and stepfather.

The child's body was exhumed at Faucet, Mo., Tuesday and an examination showed unmistakable signs of foul play. Mr. and Mrs. Woolley were arrested, taken to St. Joseph, arraigned and formally charged with murder in the first degree. They waived a hearing.

Four Bank Robbers Sentenced.

Sentences ranging from fourteen to twenty years were passed Monday by Judge Goss against the Sawyer, N. D., bank robbers. Charles Sullivan got eighteen years, John Hayes seventeen, E. C. Robinson fourteen years and ten months, and Robert Conroy twenty years. The bandits were charged with looting the Sawyer state bank of \$5,000.

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Burglars last night entered the residence of Charles Werthelmer, in Park Lane, London and cut several canvases, including pictures by Gainsborough and Reynolds, out of their frames, and carried them off with antique snuff boxes, miniatures, etc. The property stolen was valued at \$175,000.

Three Asphyxiated in Their Home.

Michael Ryan, his wife, and their infant daughter, were asphyxiated by illuminating gas Saturday night. A neighbor who forced an entrance into their home Monday found them lying dead on the bed. On the floor was a gas stove. It was still burning, but the rubber hose fitted loosely.

Bank Robbed by Official.

A high officer of the Savings Bank of New Britain, Conn., states there is a big shortage in the accounts of Wm. F. Walker, treasurer of the bank, who has been missing since Thursday last; that the bank's officers up to noon Tuesday had discovered a shortage of \$159,000.

Bryce Sails for United States.

James Bryce, ambassador to the United States, sailed from Liverpool for New York Wednesday on the steamer Oceanic.

Urge Deep Channel.

The Wisconsin assembly Tuesday adopted a resolution memorializing Mr. Bryan for the deepening of the new channel between La Crosse and St. Paul.

Asylum Attendants Held for Murder.

Robert Reeder and Henry Harkins, of Athens, O., former attendants at the state hospital, who were arrested for the killing of W. J. Barnes, an inmate, were bound over to the grand jury Monday on a charge of murder.

Gage E. Tarbell Resigns.

Gage E. Tarbell, second vice president of the Equitable Life Assurance society, at New York, has tendered his resignation, to take effect March 1 next, the date of the annual meeting.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEBRASKA MAN ASKS DAMAGES.

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It is further alleged by Ellsworth as a second cause of action that on Dec. 1, 1906, he was deliberately robbed of \$150 by an inmate of the jail; that he reported the same to the sheriff and demanded the return of the money, and that the sheriff afterwards returned \$33, which he claimed to have found concealed in the jail. The plaintiff charges that inmates of the county jail practice cruelties as enumerated in his case, with the knowledge of the sheriff and jailer, and that neither of them make efforts toward stopping them. Therefore, he charges, in connection with his cause of action for damages, that they are unfit for the responsibilities placed upon them.

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NO POSTAL REVISION.

Roosevelt Committee Will Not Undertake Task During This Session.

There will be no radical revision of the postal laws by the present Congress, the subject, the House Committee on Postoffices and Post Roads decided, is too complicated and affects the whole population of the country in too vital a manner to be acted upon without deliberate consideration, and as a result the drastic propositions presented by the joint postal commission last week will be deferred until a thorough investigation of the entire Postoffice Department has been made.

That part of the bill drafted by the joint postal commission which provides for an expert investigation of the business of the postal service as now conducted was accepted by the committee, and will be made a part of the regular postoffice appropriation measure, which is now being completed.

The accepted sections provide that a commission be created to make a complete and thorough investigation of the operation of the Postoffice Department in all its branches, with a view to determining, first, the true cost of every kind of service which that department renders; second, the proper division of the operating expenses of the whole postal service between the classes of matter which that service undertakes to handle and transport for the public and for the government; and, third, what modifications of the present system of bookkeeping and accounting, or what other system, if the present be found ineffectual, should be recommended to Congress as proper to be inaugurated by future legislation.

The features of the report of the special joint commission, headed by Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania, which were embodied in its proposed bill to reform the classification of second-class mail matter, and to which vigorous protests have been voiced from all parts of the country, were those providing virtually for a government press censorship. As soon as the astounding report of the postal commission, prepared with great secrecy, was given publicity, it raised a storm of disapproval throughout the country. Not only publishers sat up and took notice, but the public itself began to be heard from in no uncertain tones. The restriction of the liberty of the press by lowering its standard, it was shown, is something for which the country will not stand, whether it be attempted under the guise of postal reform or by more direct methods.

Important results are expected to follow the thorough investigation of the Postoffice Department, which now is practically assured, and which will be completed before the time for the convening of the next Congress in regular session. Everybody who has given even cursory attention to the subject is aware that there is acute demand for reform somewhere and of some kind in the postal service.

The service is being conducted at a loss, business methods are in vogue which would not be countenanced for a minute in any private enterprise, bookkeeping is severely at fault, and, generally speaking, matters are run in a manner that makes it impossible to tell from the records at hand just where the fault lies and where reform should take hold. The simple fact is that the service, with the addition of rural free delivery and other extensions, has developed so fast that the administration of the business has been unable to keep pace with it.

There is a widespread belief that the high total cost of the postal service results, in some degree at least, from what is regarded as overpayment to the railroads for mail transportation. Much of the controversy as to a proper charge for second-class matter has raged around the question of railway mail pay. Accordingly a reduction of mail pay upon dense routes, where the great volume of second-class matter permits economies in transportation, has been provided for in the postoffice appropriation bill, as well as the elimination of return empty bags from the computation of weight. This will result in a saving of several millions of dollars a year.

ARMOR FOR DEEP-SEA DIVING.

A French engineer named De Pluy has invented a deep-sea diving armor, having a thickness varying from 2-10ths to 3-10ths of an